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Sir:

The following is Applicants response to the restriction requirement mailed 17 November 2003, (Paper No. 20031117).

Claims 37 through 76 are currently under consideration.

REMARKS

The Examiner has restricted the claims of the above-identified application into three groups with the following descriptions of the subject matter he believes the claims are drawn to:

Group I: contains claims 37-68 drawn to a method of immobilizing a biomolecule to a surface;

Group II: contains claims 69-72 drawn to a biomolecule/polymer conjugate; and

Group III: contains claims 73-76 drawn to a method of immobilizing an oligonucleotide to a surface.

The Examiner has requested that Applicant select a single restriction group.

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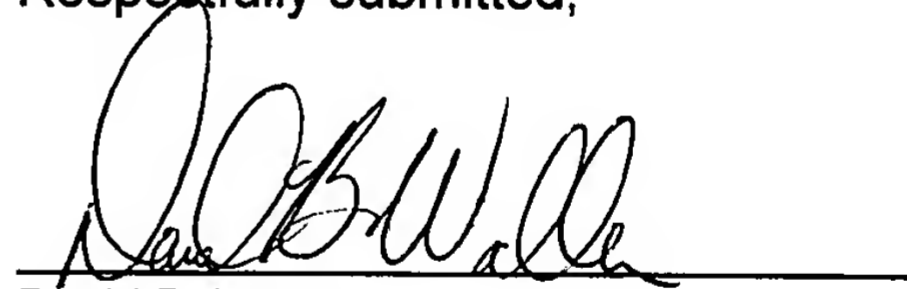
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